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SUBJECT: OPERATION FUNNEL: REQUEST FOR PAF AIRLIFT

1. TWO 22 FOOT BOATS FOR USE IN OPERATION FUNNEL ARE BOOKED FOR SHIPMENT TO CALLAO, DEPARTING O/A AUGUST 6, ARRIVING O/A AUGUST 20. UNFORTUNATELY IT NOW APPEARS LIKELY THAT DELIVERY TO IQUITOS VIA BRAZIL COULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 AT EARLIEST. ONWARD BOOKING FROM CALLAO UNCERTAIN AND DELIVERY COULD CAUSE DELAY IN OPENING RIVER OPERATIONS.

2. ONLY FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE WE CAN SEE AT THIS TIME IS SURFACE SHIPMENT TO CALLAO AND AIRLIFT INTO IQUITOS. WE UNDERSTAND PERUVIAN AIRFORCE HAS C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE BOATS.

3. SUGGEST EMBASSY EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH PIP AND PAF. WHILE WE PREFER AND BELIEVE GOP SHOULD PROVIDE THIS INPUT GRATIS, WE WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE PREPARED AUTHORIZE

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USE INC FUNDS TO PAY PAF FOR FUEL.

4. DIMENSIONS BOAT, HEIGHT - 76 INCHES, WIDTH - 90-3/4
INCHES, LENGTH - 21 FEET, 7 INCHES. TOTAL CUBIC FEET FOR
BOTH CRAFT 2086.

5. REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSE TO PERMIT DECISION ON
BOOKING. ROBINSON

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